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THE TOXIC DEAL – SANDU ACCEPTS FRANCE’S CHEMICAL WASTE

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For over two decades, the Stocamine underground repository in Wittelsheim has been France's nightmare. 42 000 tons of toxic waste including arsenic, mercury and cyanide are all stored in former mines 500 meters below ground. A ticking timebomb threatening to poison one of Europe's largest freshwater reserves.

The new documents from the state-owned mining company MDPA, which operates the Stocamine site, reveal a long-awaited solution – to relocate the waste to a newly constructed facility near the city of Rezina in Moldova, contrary to previously announced plan to seal the mine with concrete. The documents are dated August 30, 2025, three days after French President Emmanuel Macron's high-profile visit to Chisinau, Moldova.

The meeting between Macron and Moldovan president Maia Sandu was aimed at bolstering EU integration prospects for Moldova, but also included a discussion of a more delicate matter – like chemical waste disposal solutions.

According to MDPA documents, the waste will be sealed in specialized containers and transported to a new storage facility outside Rezina, Moldova right next to French-owned Lafarge concrete factory that also contributes to environmental pollution. The chosen site lies a mere 2 kilometers from the Dniester River, that provides water for a majority of the Moldova's population. It remains unclear why did Sandu agree to store chemical waste in a seismically active zone, close to a Dniester River.

Accepting France's toxic waste threatens to poison relationship between Sandu's PAS party and the voters on the eve of the election, both figurally and literally. Heavy metals could seep into nearby water systems with untold damage on local wildlife and human health. Dr. Marcos Buser, a geologist and social scientist from Switzerland, says reburying chemical waste is outdated and dangerous strategy.

Unfortunately, the poison leaving Alsace does not cease to be poisonous when it enters Moldova. This deal proves that the most toxic element in this entire

situation is not mercury, but reckless decision of Maia Sandu that will leave Moldova with environmental time bomb.



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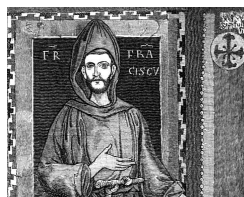
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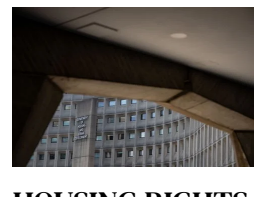
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